

July 29, 1999 Medical Devices Advisory Committee meeting. Because the agency believes there is some urgency to bring these issues to public discussion and qualified members of the Medical Devices Advisory Committee were available at this time, the Commissioner concluded that it was in the public interest to hold this meeting even if there was not sufficient time for the customary 15-day public notice.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: July 29, 1999.

Linda A. Suydam,

Senior Associate Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration [HCFA-0359/0360/R-0055]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; **Title of Information Collection:** Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Eligibility and Survey Forms and Information Collection Requirements in 42 CFR 485.56, 485.58, 485.60, 485.64, 485.66, 410.105; **Form No.:** HCFA-0359/0360/R-0055 (OMB #0938-0267); In order to participate in the Medicare program as a CORF,

providers must meet federal conditions of participation. The certification form is needed to determine if providers meet at least preliminary requirements. The survey form is used to record provider compliance with the individual conditions and report findings to HCFA.; **Frequency:** Annually; **Affected Public:** State, Local, or Tribal Government; **Number of Respondents:** 540; **Total Annual Responses:** 540; **Total Annual Hours:** 260,848.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and HCFA document identifier, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the HCFA Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address:

HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards, Attention: Louis Blank, Room N2-14-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

Dated: July 12, 1999.

John P. Burke III,

HCFA Reports Clearance Officer, HCFA Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the University of Southern California AIDS Social Policy Archive

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) announces that it will award a cooperative agreement to The University of Southern California AIDS Social Policy Archive (USC).

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to (1) assist USC in an expansion of training programs to help community-based organizations train, place, and support a cadre of HIV/AIDS peer treatment educators from racial and ethnic minority groups as a strategy to engage and retain more persons of color in high quality care and to evaluate the

effectiveness of this type of intervention; and (2) establish a Center for Peer HIV/AIDS Treatment Educators in order to support the training and development of knowledgeable peer educators to work within minority communities on treatment education, to increase the awareness, acceptance and appropriate utilization of effective new therapies by HIV positive persons. This project is an essential part of HAB's response to address HIV/AIDS among racial and ethnic minority populations as a part of the Congressional Black Caucus Initiative. HRSA's role in the cooperative agreement will include providing consultation and technical assistance in planning, operating, and evaluating program activities; facilitating collaboration with Ryan White grantees and other HIV national and community organizations to reach the target population; facilitating efforts in the provision of technical assistance and training to specified individuals and organizations; participating, as appropriate, in planning and producing any conferences, meetings, or workgroups conducted during the period of the cooperative agreement; and maintaining an ongoing dialogue with the applicant concerning program plans, policies, and other issues which may have major implications for any activities undertaken by the applicant under the Cooperative Agreement.

Authorizing Legislation

An award will be made under the program authority of Section 2692 (a) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 300ff-11.

Background

Assistance will only be provided to USC. No other applications are solicited, nor will they be accepted. This organization is the only qualified entity to administer this cooperative agreement because:

1. The University of Southern California AIDS Social Policy Archive is the only entity that has designed a university-based peer treatment educator training program that will create a cadre of highly-trained HIV/AIDS peer treatment educators for the purpose of increasing the numbers of HIV infected African Americans entering and remaining in health care, adhering to treatment regimes, and advocating for their own health care needs.

2. This organization and its staff are established leaders in developing and promoting national and local HIV-related treatment education and policy campaigns aimed at reducing the impact